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Slamming the lid

Proposed spending lid sends shockwaves through NU system



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UNO Student
President/Regent



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Faculty pay raises endangered by lid

By KENT WALTON

University of Nebraska instructors may find themselves fighting for air if they hold their breath in anticipation of a pay increase.

If the proposed 2 percent spending lid for Nebraska state and local government passes the November 6 election, it may be a long time before NU instructors receive another raise in salary, according to NU Regent Don Blank.

"It would absolutely be disastrous," he said.

Although effects of the lid are still uncertain, Blank said NU would see a decrease in faculty recruitment due to non-competitive salaries.

Lowered funding would not only hinder recruitment, Blank said, it would also severely affect retention of faculty members.

"We could not pay current faculty members any cost-of-living expenses if the inflation rate was to remain at 5 percent," Blank said.

In order to compensate for the lid, Blank said it would be necessary to cut entire programs, rather than reduce spending in all areas.

"You can't cut across the board," he said. "Some hefty vertical cuts would have to be made to keep some semblance of quality teaching."

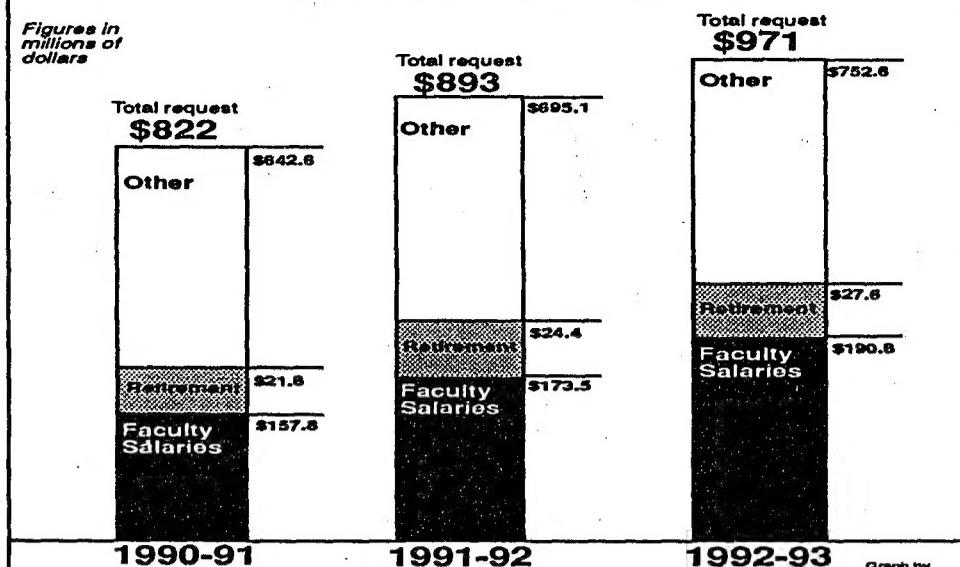
According to Regent Kermit Hansen, the primary focus of a renewed budget through 1993 will be increased faculty salaries.

During the 1990-91 fiscal year, the Legislature allocated approximately \$158 million for faculty salaries and wages.

For the 1991-93 biennium, the Regents

Planning Ahead

A breakdown of the 1991-93 budget request of the University of Nebraska



have proposed a 10 percent yearly increase in wages, which would bring the total state allocation for faculty salaries to about \$190 million dollars.

The purpose of the increase, Blank said, is to keep the faculty salaries competitive with universities within NU's peer group.

"If you lose good teachers, who were being paid \$45,000 a year," Blank said, "you can't go out and hire another one for \$45,000. You need to offer them an increase that will make their move worthwhile."

Blank said UNL was approximately 20 percent behind in salaries paid, and the Medical Center and UNO were lagging by about 10-12

percent.

Blank said he anticipates a positive response from the Legislature when they vote on the NU budget at their next session.

"They have been very receptive to the quality of post-secondary education in Nebraska," he said.

The Legislature became more responsive to a broad research base when US West relocated their corporate headquarters from Nebraska to Colorado, according to Blank.

But, if the lid passes, Blank said, it will harm more than just the state's business community.

"The big losers will be students. They are the ones who will suffer dramatically."

Massengale says lid will cripple university

By GREG KOZOL

Describing "severe" and "profound" effects on higher education, University of Nebraska Interim President Martin Massengale lambasted a proposed 2 percent lid on state spending at the NU Board of Regents meeting Friday.

Aviation enrollment flying high

By DEBBIE OSBORN

There is usually nothing positive about overbooked aviation schedules.

But when William Shea, director of UNO's Aviation Institute, learned enrollment for the program's first semester had exceeded expectations by more than 200 percent, he said he was "pleasantly surprised".

"We were expecting between 50 and 70 students," Shea said. The program ended up with 222.

Established earlier this year, the Aviation Institute offers degrees in aviation administration, aviation computer science, airport administration and aeronautical studies. Shea said other programs being considered included meteorology and aviation maintenance management.

"Right now, most of our students are from greater Omaha," Shea said. "They're interested in becoming professional pilots and working in aviation services."

He credited the large enrollment to the fact that UNO is one of 25 U.S. universities to offer such a program.

"It's going to be a great thing for UNO. It's already in the national spotlight," Shea said. Recently the institute was named a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Aviation Resource Center, one of 25 sites in the nation to receive such an honor from the FAA.

"With a lid like this in place," Massengale said, "we're going to be cutting more corners where our children are concerned. That is the educational effect. I think it is poorly conceived and severely damaging in its effects on the University and the people it serves."

Massengale's comments were part of a written assessment of the lid's possible effect on the University of Nebraska system.

The lid, proposed by Omaha tax activist Ed Jaksha, would limit state and local budget increases to 2 percent per fiscal year. The proposed lid gained enough signatures to be placed on the November ballot as a constitutional amendment.

In an earlier Gateway interview, Jaksha said the lid may not hurt the NU system because the State Legislature will determine the amount of money allocated.

But Massengale said a 2 percent spending limit in an economy with 5 percent inflation will likely create unavoidable cuts. Also, if the spending lid is adopted, budget cuts for the 1990-91 fiscal year would have to be made with half of the budget already spent.

That would result in 9 percent of the present appropriation, or \$24 million, being cut from the second half of the budget, Massengale said.

In his assessment of the spending lid, Massengale asked each campus for an estimate of possible budget cuts if the proposal is approved.

At UNO, Massengale said, student support services and tuition assistance would be "sharply reduced."

"This would impact minority and disadvantaged students most immediately," he said. "These are the students we most need to encourage as participants in growth and development with college degrees and good jobs."

"The elimination of academic programs would be likely," Massengale continued, "along with lowered frequency of maintenance and cuts in faculty and staff as programs are reduced or eliminated."

The lid would wreak similar havoc at the other NU campuses.

"At the Medical Center," Massengale said, "Chancellor (Charlie) Andrews points out that University Hospital cannot remain competitive in a deregulated marketplace with strong inflationary pressures in medical costs."

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Don't wait to take this seminar

A new, one-day seminar sponsored by UNO's College of Continuing Studies will focus on utilizing time more efficiently.

"Time Management: Taking Control of Your Personal and Professional Life" meets Sept. 26 from 1-4 p.m. at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center. The seminar will cover various aspects of time management, from prioritizing to developing a sense of direction.

John Mulvaney, an instructor in adult academic studies at Southeast Community College, will lead the seminar.

From the Orient to Omaha

As a result of arrangements made by UNO's Global Education Center, 21 Japanese teachers will participate in a visit to eight high schools in the Omaha area and 14 additional Nebraska schools.

According to Jay Harris, UNO's Global Education Coordinator, the purpose for the teachers' visits are varied.

"All the visitors teach English in Japan and they are hoping to increase their English skills and deepen their understanding of U.S. society and culture," Harris said.

Most of the host schools are members of the Satellite Educational Resources Consortium (SERC), a telephone and satellite, Japanese language program coordinated by the Nebraska Department of Education.

Host families and schools have been given details about their guests.

The Japanese visitors plan to speak to classes, give presentations and demonstrate some Japanese customs and skills, including calligraphy, kite painting and Japanese martial arts such as Judo, Kendo and Sumo.

UNO's Global Education Center also will host a conference Sept. 28 and 29 on teaching Japanese language and culture for SERC educators from other states.

The conference, to be held in conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Education, is sponsored by a grant from the Japan Foundation, a Japanese government agency.

Seminar to address work force

The quality and availability of employees can make or break a business.

"Work Force Issues and Strategies for the '90s" is a one-day seminar designed to provide managers insight into key employment trends of the new decade.

The seminar will meet Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center.

The seminar is sponsored by UNO's College of Continuing Studies and College of Business.

Bush may ask reservists to skip class

As many as 187,000 college students across the country may have their fall semester cut short due to President Bush's announcement that military reservists will be used to support and replace troops in the Middle East.

A student who is called to active duty would have to leave school abruptly, leaving classes unfinished and possibly wasting a semester of tuition.

Although a federal law protects the jobs of workers who are called to duty, no such law protects students.

"I don't know what frame of mind I'll be in for my studies," said Junior Waldron, an Army reservist and sophomore at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in New York.

Schools, however, are trying to calm the fears of student/reservists.

"If any students were called up, we would do all we could to make their re-entry after serving their country as easy as possible," said Edward Macias, provost at Washington University in Missouri.

To ease uncertainty among its student reservists, Purdue University published a detailed letter assuring students they would get their fees refunded and earn a certain amount of credit, depending on when they withdraw.

No exact figure is known on how many of the reservists subject to a call-up are college students. However, Joe Hanley, spokesman for the U.S. Army Reserves, estimated 61 percent of that group's 579,000 members are full or part-time college students.

Soon after Iraq invaded Kuwait Aug. 2,



President Bush sent 40,000 U.S. troops to Saudi Arabia to defend against possible Iraqi invasion of that country.

Originally, Pentagon officials thought only 100,000 soldiers would be needed, but raised the figure to 250,000 a week later.

On Aug. 22, Bush said he would activate 40,000 reservists to support and replace the troops already sent to the Persian Gulf region.

It was the first time reservists had been

called to active duty since the Vietnam Tet Offensive in 1968.

Besides students, college administrators also are concerned about the call-up. Course sections could lose their instructors. School finances could be disrupted if fewer students were around to pay tuition and dorm fees.

However, John Huie, Purdue's vice president for state relations, said the financial impact on campus probably would be minimal.

College Clips

Briefs around the country

Safety in numbers

The recent murders of five college students in and around the University of Florida have left the campus community in a state of panic, provoking some students to leave campus and others to hold protective slumber parties.

"We can't emphasize too much that students and other members of the community have to be keenly and intensely aware of security issues," said University President John Lombardi, who urged off-campus students to move into newly secured on-campus dorms.

University of Illinois students also have raised concerns about safety following the recent murder of a student in an off-campus apartment.

Close Texas Southern?

Texas Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby has suggested the state close financially ailing, predominantly black Texas Southern University.

"If you believe in an integrated society," Hobby said at a recent legislative meeting, "you cannot advocate black universities any more than you can advocate white universities."

Former Texas Southern Regent Mack Hannah replied, "I am shocked. He is dead wrong about Texas Southern."

ROTC loses scholarships

Rutgers University has become the first university in the country to stop giving scholarships to ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) students because of ROTC's policy banning homosexuals from the military.

Last year, more than 20 college and university presidents signed letters to the Pentagon, asking the ROTC to change its policy of banning homosexuals from the military.

Following ROTC's failed efforts last spring to retrieve scholarship money from students at three universities who said they were homosexual, more than 20 college presidents signed letters to the Pentagon asking it to change its policy.

Abortion forum cancelled

Fearing potential protests, Catholic University in Washington D.C. has canceled a Sept. 17 abortion debate featuring controversial pro-choice activist Bill Baird.

"The program itself had been sidetracked by Bill Baird and the controversy around him," said Rev. Robert Friday, vice-president for student affairs.

Among other controversies, Baird, determined to offer women various contraceptive choices, was arrested 20 years ago for giving a package of vaginal foam to a Boston University student after a birth control talk there.

Violence on campus worrisome

Possible violence between Middle Eastern and American students have college officials worried.

"It is inevitable that there will be some problems of harassment towards the Middle Eastern students," said John Greisberger, program director for International Students and Scholars at Ohio State University.

"Human nature being what it is, there will be patriotic overtures on both sides," said Tom Thielen, Iowa State University vice-president for student affairs. "We're not looking for anything of a severe nature, but we think things will happen."

Universities raid each other for faculty

Taking a cue from professional sports, universities are now luring "free agent" teachers from other colleges with promises of higher salaries and better working conditions.

Duke University, for example, starts this semester with new professors signed in raids of the faculties of Cornell, Johns Hopkins and Princeton universities.

Students taking French at Emory University in Atlanta will be taking notes under four new teachers, lured from Johns Hopkins University with the promise of better conditions.

Earlier this year, six of the University of Wisconsin's theater faculty moved to the University of Delaware.

American campuses, various observers contend, seem to have suddenly entered an era of raiding each others' faculties, and stealing top-notch professors.

According to a study released in July, 59 percent of the colleges surveyed were having trouble hiring enough professors to teach their classes.

Observers believe the reason for the short-

age is many students are opting for higher salaries and faster career tracks in private industry, instead of going to graduate school and getting doctoral degrees for teaching.

To hire the relatively few professors now entering their prime, schools need to offer better salaries, the study indicated.

Schools also are losing more than professors. Two-thirds of Johns Hopkins' French graduate students followed their professors to Emory.

"When you combine the best professors of Hopkins with the best of Emory, it's hard to deny the possibilities," said Michael Winston, a graduate student who moved.

According to Stanley Fish, chairman of Duke's English department, "It's increasingly obvious that there is more competition between colleges for professors."

The raiding, however, doesn't cause hard feelings between campuses, he added. Wooing professors from one school to another is "regarded as part of the game."

tions rocked American campuses. Pro-Khomeini Iranians also held rallies, which were often disrupted by American students.

However, Bill Carroll of the National Association for Foreign Student Affairs, doesn't anticipate similar occurrences because of the small number of Iraqi students enrolled in American colleges.

"It's not like in 1980, when we had a large group of Iranian students," Carroll said.

According to the Institute of International Education, 770 Iraqi students were enrolled on American campuses in 1989-1990. The number of Kuwaiti students was 2,280.

Ban on hazing hasn't hurt membership

One year after Zeta Beta Tau became the first national fraternity to ban pledging, officials say the ban has not hurt membership and has slowed hazing at its chapters.

According to Ronald Taylor, the fraternity's national vice-president, Zeta Beta Tau has recruited 17.3 percent more students since it dropped pledging than in 1988-90.

After the Zeta Beta Tau announcement in August 1989 that it was abandoning pledging, nine other Greek organizations announced bans on all pledging activities except initiation ceremonies.

Despite the move to end pledging, hazing incidents continue to be reported.

More than 40 students have died in the past decade due to hazing.

college digest compiled by TIM ROHWER

opinion

Jaksha's 'solution' could cost us dearly

Ed Jaksha is trying to kill us.

His proposal, the "2 Percent Solution," would set a 2 percent maximum increase on state and local budgets. The lid is designed to control the legislature's spending habits, which many people think are out of control.

But its effect instead will be to cripple any institution that gets state or local money.

Inflation has been running about 5 percent every year. Some simple arithmetic reveals that if your expenses go up 5 percent per year and your income only goes up 2 percent, you have to cut your spending by 3 percent.

So the "2 Percent Solution" would become

a "3 Percent Problem" for state-funded institutions.

We depend on the state to pay for a number of important services, including highways and education. Also, by giving money to cities, it indirectly helps pay for city services such as garbage collection, police and fire protection.

Jaksha's spending lid would hurt all of these services.

Another, more insidious effect of the proposed lid is, in many instances, the lid would be retroactive.

The wording of the bill states that the cuts take effect on Jan. 1, 1991. But most institutions plan budgets two to three years into the future. Therefore, budgets that have already been approved would have to be cut.

UNO is not exempt from the blade of Jaksha's 2 percent axe. Chancellor Del Weber said UNO would have to pay back more than \$2 million, and the lid would cost UNO more than \$6 million over the next five years.

To put the numbers into perspective, if the cuts went into effect, UNO would have to cut funds equivalent to the entire budgets of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service and the College of Fine Arts. In 1985, when

then-Governor Bob Kerrey requested a 3 percent cut in the university budget, the University of Nebraska Board of Regents chairman at that time, John Payne, said the cuts would

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Our view

"decimate the university."

That was a one-time, 3 percent cut. Jaksha's proposal would, in effect, result in a 3 percent cut every year.

Sure, nobody likes paying taxes. But how often have you heard complaints about late garbage collection or grumbled about potholes on the highway?

The cold, hard truth is that if we want the services the state provides, we have to pay for them.

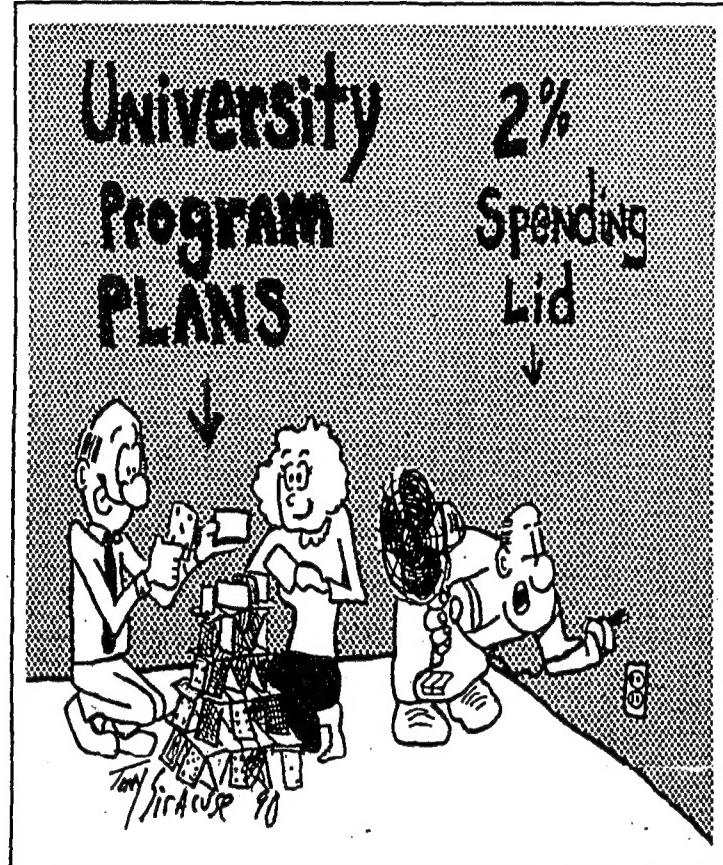
The support for Jaksha's proposed lid comes from people who are frustrated at a government they view as isolated from the people it is supposed to represent. The legislature is seen as indifferent to the people's needs, catering only to the needs of special interests.

Jaksha's "2 Percent Solution" gives the people a simple, easy-to-understand way to fight back against the government they see as spending their tax dollars for other people.

Unfortunately, the easiest way to fix something is usually the wrong way to do it. And the spending lid is a slipshod, poorly drafted measure that will do more harm than good.

By the way, it is interesting to note how close the "2 Percent Solution" sounds to the title of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes story, "The Seven Percent Solution."

"The Seven Percent Solution" dealt with Holmes' addiction to cocaine. It endangered his life. Jaksha's "2 Percent Solution" endangers the life of UNO and the state of Nebraska.



Is this really an English-speaking nation?

Ah, communication. Written or spoken, language has always had the power to persuade. The power of the word can make women swoon, inspire men to do great deeds, and in the right hands, the pen can be mightier than the sword. It's a lot cleaner too.

However, knowing exactly what to say and being able to write it clearly and succinctly can often spell the difference between getting ahead or getting lost in the shuffle. I always recall how in the seventh grade, Sister Mary Alexander used to preach that words, grammar and punctuation were three sharp tools that could help shape a future. She advocated learning to handle them carefully, as with any tools, lest we botch the job.

Communication for some young minds is as natural as waking up in the morning, but for others it involves a bit of a kick start - the kind best provided by a Missouri mule. I'm sure many an English instructor has cursed the day they ever decided to teach the art of language to young impressionable minds.

But like a valuable time piece, they forever continue to take their licking and keep on ticking.

I once entertained the thought of being an English teacher. However, after my first year in college, I resigned myself to the fact that I would forever be splitting the infinitive and dangling my participles, not to mention being a lifetime member of an organization dedicated to stamping out the semicolon. Perhaps there should be mandatory signs over the doors of English classrooms everywhere, exclaiming "English Spoken Here?????"

The mind-boggling information a grade school English teacher can accumulate in correcting test papers can sometimes be an eye-opening adventure of misinformation. For instance, "Some words are directly objectionable to a verb." If that makes sense, you will undoubtedly understand this one. "A period is used after a true statement. If it's a lie, use an exclamation point!"

Is there S-E-X in the study of good grammar? Well, some student obviously thought

Jennifer Malone Columnist

so. "Nouns have different sexes but you don't know until you look at their genders." How about, "Commas are used when you have to take a breath and periods are used when you want to stop and think."

With that basic refresher course behind us, we should be ready to move right on up to English II. But even if you're not, "It wouldn't make a participle of difference."

When presented with the question of how to use the word "warrant" in a sentence, one clever fellow came up with, "I wouldn't be learning English if it warrant for you."

Teacher's pop quiz: What is an adverb? Answer: "I'm sure I was sick the week we studied adverbs."

Keli Anders

Columnist

Drivers need to speed up, get mean

There's a time to be polite and a time to get nasty.

Driving time was made for ugliness.

Nobody in this town honks on the road. It's indeed a rare occasion to hear a roar of rage on the streets of this one-horse place. Nine times out of 10, it's from a car with out-of-state license plates.

If someone's in your way, stops on a dime, putt-putts in the fast lane or forgets to signal before turning, for pete's sake give 'em the horn! It's your duty as a citizen.

What happened to the gumption of the heartland? I bet the frontiersmen would have used their horns if cars had been invented back then. Even goody-two-shoes Charles Ingalls (Pa from "Little House on the Prairie") would have tooted his. It's a "survival of the fittest" thing.

Speaking of goody-goodies, Nebraskans should be sick of the polite routine — the smiles, the "have-a-nice-day's" and the grins. But no. They lug the syrup with them on the road.

Most of the pseudo-drivers around here wouldn't last two hours in New York or Los Angeles. People in those cities honk, shout and shoot — and I don't mean their mouths off, folks.

Ah, Los Angeles. My home town. That's where the real drivers are. They might be laid back on the beach, but the streets are another story. Jeckyls mutate into Hydes with the turn of a key or the heat of the wires (people don't always own the cars they drive). No one smiles or offers waves of forgiveness for a road faux pas there. Expect to get an evil look at the next stoplight. Ducking is recommended for those uninterested in possible injury or death.

Such occurrences would make front-page news in Nebraska. Newspapers statewide would fly their star reporters to Omaha to cover the story. The schools would close. The police department would be swamped with calls. People would marvel over it for days. I can hear them now....

"Hey, Dave, can you believe the nerve of that woman who honked two months ago?"

"Why no, Sue, I sure can't. I hear she's insane or something."

"I believe it. Do you know she actually drove up next to the guy at the stoplight and gave him the finger?"

"Scandalous!"

I remember the first time I honked here. I was coming off the freeway from Council Bluffs, unarguably the mecca of bad drivers.

But at least Omahans speed. Drivers in the half-horse-town of Lincoln barely snail 25 miles per hour in most instances. Hate to break it to you capitol city, but Sunday only comes once a week. Some of us actually have things to do on the remaining six.

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Med Center to lease space at Lutheran

High patient volume causes the problem

BY STACIE HAWKS

The "no vacancy" sign finally came down last week.

The University of Nebraska Medical Center found a solution to its space problem on the fourth floor of Lutheran Hospital, 515 S. 26th St.

The Medical Center began leasing space from Lutheran Tuesday, a move Director of University Hospital C. Edward Schwartz described as unique.

"We have a problem that may be different than most hospitals today — a shortage of bed space due to a high patient volume," Schwartz said.

By adding 40 beds, University Hospital increased its patient capacity from 382 to 422.

Originally built to house two patients in each room, Schwartz said University Hospital's successful transplant programs prompted many housing changes at the hospital.

"All of our transplant patients must be in isolation, so we had to convert many of the semi-private rooms to single patient rooms," he said.

This new facility, the University Hospital at Lutheran, is an extension of the Med Center, according to Schwartz.

"Although many of the services will be shared, we will make it crystal clear to patients that they are in our (Medical Center) care," he said. "It will be just like we are adding a floor to the existing hospital."

Med Center personnel originally encouraged the addition, according to Schwartz. The University Hospital at Lutheran is staffed by the Med Center.

"They are very supportive of this arrangement. This is a positive step for the University of Nebraska Medical Center and for the community," he said. "We're trying to

solve our current space needs — not by building an addition to our hospital at 42nd and Dewey, but rather by using an existing facility in the community."

In addition to a 40-bed unit, the lease includes a surgery area, operating rooms and access to a variety of support services and equipment.

Schwartz said the space became available when Lutheran's medical-surgical services were phased out earlier this year. However, Lutheran will continue to its psychiatric and chemical-dependency services. And University Hospital at Lutheran will serve non-emergency patients, providing physical therapy, radiology, pharmacy and other medical services.

The Medical Center will lease the space for

five years with a renewal option for three additional years.

During the first year, the space will cost about \$1.2 million, with an additional \$47,000 for the use of Lutheran's medical equipment. The new facility is funded by University Hospital's operating budget.

This facility may be the first of its kind, Schwartz said, calling it an innovative and well-planned venture.

"We've known people who have bought hospitals and people who have merged hospitals, but we don't know of anyone who has leased 35,000 square feet of space from another hospital," he said. "The arrangement is very mutual. It's good for us, good for Lutheran, good for the community."



University Hospital at Lutheran becomes the newest addition to the Med Center

Rural areas to get more physicians

BY STACIE HAWKS

Most rural areas in Nebraska were hit by an economic bomb in the 1980s, and fallout from that decade continues into the '90s.

The 1980s also were a time of economic crisis for Nebraska's rural health-care system.

Small communities saw doctors retire without replacements, and for rural families, the drive to health-care facilities became longer.

Dr. Robert Waldman, dean of the College of Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, projects a significant increase in the problems of rural health care over the next decade.

"If you look at the age of many rural physicians, compared with the number entering practice in those same areas, we could see a problem in 10-20 years."

Doctors are human. They get greedy, too."

— Dr. Robert Waldman

Currently all medical students are required to spend two months in rural areas during their third or fourth years. Waldman said the approach is not always successful.

"By the time most students saw a rural area, they had their minds set on staying in Omaha," he said. "It's hard to convince a student who has already sent out a dozen resumes to move to rural Nebraska."

Waldman believes the university must stimulate an interest in students to pursue ca-

reers in rural areas. One way is to recruit from rural areas, he said.

Under the Rural Health Program, the Medical Center provides incentives to students who already live in rural areas.

Waldman also believes in allowing students to train in non-metropolitan areas.

"It is easy for students to build their lives around where they receive their education," he said.

But sometimes programs and incentives are not enough. Waldman said a doctor in a metropolitan area is bound to make more money.

"Doctors are human, they get greedy, too."

Getting students interested in working in small communities is not going to be easy. But the university does not expect miracles, he said.

"It would be great if we doubled the number of students we see practicing in rural areas."

Waldman said students need to understand that there is a need outside of Omaha.

The Medical Center will turn in a progress report to the Foundation later next year, and grant announcements should come within the next year and a half.

Waldman is optimistic that the Medical Center will be chosen for the grant, but said the Rural Health programs will continue with or without the additional funding.

"These changes are just a few of those that we plan to make," he said. "It may start on a smaller scale but we will do it, even on a shoestring budget."

Health Hints

compiled by Stacie Hawks

No blonde ambition

Baldness — even superstars can't avoid it. Someday, all those things that make Madonna blonde and ambitious, could make Madonna bald.

Research shows that baldness may be caused by extremes in hair care or lack of proper care.

Dr. Jane Potter, chief of geriatrics at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, said constant pulling of hair causes most bald spots in women.

Barrettes, bobby pins and curlers can pull hair out by the roots. Hair straightening, bleaching, dyeing and excessive washing can dry out the hair, causing it to break off.

Potter said certain illnesses, X-ray treatments, and some medicines also cause hair loss. Yet, other health-related hair-loss problems can be avoided.

Emotional stress and periods of extreme dieting can cause hair to fall out. A shortage of vitamins and proteins can also shorten hair life, according to Potter.

Although hair loss currently cannot be prevented, hair transplants may reverse the process.

To avoid hair loss, Potter suggests maintaining a sensible diet and avoiding harsh bleaching and styles that require excessive pulling of the hair.

Pass the salt

Since their first bite of baby food, many Americans have been addicted to salt.

Although salt — which is 40 percent sodium — is important to the body, too much may lead to health problems. The association of excess salt with high blood pressure prompted many Americans to take a look at their eating habits.

Dr. David Meyers, assistant professor of internal medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, said salt-related health problems can be avoided at the kitchen counter.

"Many people have lowered their sodium intake by decreasing the amount of salt used in cooking and at the table," Meyers said.

The trick to lowering sodium intake, he said, is to do it gradually, allowing taste buds time to adjust.

"Salt should be used sparingly when preparing foods, or it can be eliminated by substituting spices, herbs and other seasonings."

Meyers suggests eating foods lower in sodium like fresh fruits and vegetables instead of their canned and processed counterparts.

Reading labels also may reduce sodium consumption.

Meyers said many manufacturers list their product's salt content on the label.

These labels record the amount of salt in milligrams per serving, and Meyers said 1,100 to 3,300 milligrams of salt per day is a safe range.

Bland is not the only alternative anymore.

Since one teaspoon of salt equals 2,000 milligrams, spicing up your life may still be a healthy option.

Islam representing misconception

Five Moslems blame media for breeding prejudice

By ELIZABETH OMMACHEN

A Moslem Syrian woman entered an Omaha gas station.

Only the woman's hands and face showed for she was dressed in Hijab, the traditional full-cover for a Moslem woman.

"She wanted to buy some candy for my daughter," said the woman's husband, also a Moslem from Syria, as he recounted the recent incident. "She asked if he (the attendant) had a certain kind of candy. He said, 'This is an expensive candy, and when you lower the gas prices, we'll lower the price of the candy.'

This Moslem Syrian said prejudice against Arabs in America takes on many forms. He and four other fellow Moslems gathered at a local mosque Aug. 31 and spoke to the *Gateway*, under the condition of anonymity.

Prejudice against Arabs "nicely timed"

In New York, bombings, fires and threatening phone calls have been targeted against Arabs and Moslems, according to recent television reports.

In Boston, one Moslem found his car's tires slashed. Elsewhere in the city, a mosque — a place of worship for Moslems — was burned down, according to reports.

A New York Arab, victimized by arson according to one report, walked through the rubble of his home.

Although some question whether these incidents are directly related to the current Middle Eastern crisis, others said they can only be attributed to growing anti-Arab and anti-Moslem sentiments.

"The second day this thing broke, we had a window broken in back," said a Moslem from Jordan, pointing to the back of a local Mosque. "Whether it relates to this or not, it was nicely timed."

The five, including four Moslem Arabs and one Moslem American, said much of this anti-Moslem sentiment is a direct result of misrepresentation by the media.

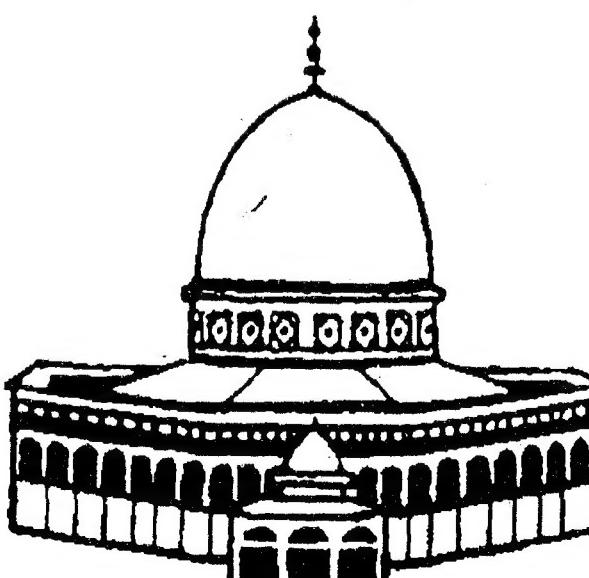
Without regard to nationality or race, they said they considered themselves first and foremost Moslems. However, they do not claim their words represent their mosque or any group.

"Not all Arabs are Moslem, and not all Moslems are Arabs," said the Moslem Jordanian, who was born in Kuwait. "Images are very powerful tools, especially for propagating what you are trying to put through."

Masking the Mosque

Western journalists in the Middle East use mosques as a decorative backdrop for their broadcasts, the Jordanian continued, and thereby misrepresent the entire situation.

"They show images of people saying, 'Yes Dan, this is what's happening...'" he said. "Yes, mosques are the nicest architecture around. But the problem is that people don't rec-



Islam — The world's most populous religion

ognize that. What the layman understands is that what has been on TV pertains to Islam. It doesn't. It's just creating a frame, getting a picture on the tube."

Another Moslem from Syria said he recently noticed newspaper journalists using the phrase "Moslem terrorist."

"This is a misrepresentation," the Syrian Moslem said. "We cannot call him a 'Moslem terrorist.'"

The concept of terrorism, he said, does not align with Moslem teachings, adding that the media does not call the Irish Republican Army "Christian terrorists."

"It's a matter of culture," the Syrian Moslem said. "To an outsider, when he looks to the situation (in the Middle East), he thinks it's Islamic."

'Neither side represents Islam'

This misconception is further driven home by world leaders, as well as the media, according to the Jordanian Moslem.

"Neither side is representing Islam," the Jordanian said. "Neither the Saudis or Saddam Hussein."

However, Saddam identifies himself a Moslem leader.

"Islam is a part of him, and he can't deny it. But I don't consider him to be a good Moslem," he said. "He's using religion to get to the people."

He said Saddam cannot call for a true Jihad, sometimes called a "Holy War."

"The English language does not con-

"Not all Arabs are Moslems and not all Moslems are Arabs"

— a Jordanian Moslem

tain a word that will justify Jihad," the Jordanian said. "Holy war? Is that opposed to an unholy war?"

The Syrian Moslem said, "Jihad means sometimes going to war."

"For a person to call for a Jihad," the Syrian Moslem said, "he is supposed to be an Islamic example, ruling according to Islamic law."

And since Saddam is not an "exceptional Moslem," according to the Jordanian, he cannot call a Jihad.

"When Saddam Hussein calls for war, I don't think many people will respond to that," the Syrian Moslem said. "Jihad is not just an emotional word that can sometimes be used. Jihad, the literal meaning, means putting forth efforts. It implies putting effort to perform what duties Moslems are supposed to do."

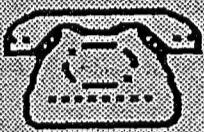
The Jordanian Moslem said none of the Moslem leaders, including Saddam, truly represent Islam. "It (being a Moslem) starts in the heart with what we call ourselves — slaves of God. Between you and your creator is where it starts."

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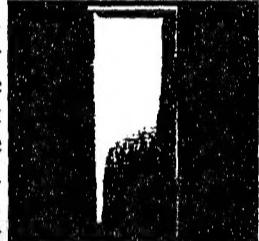


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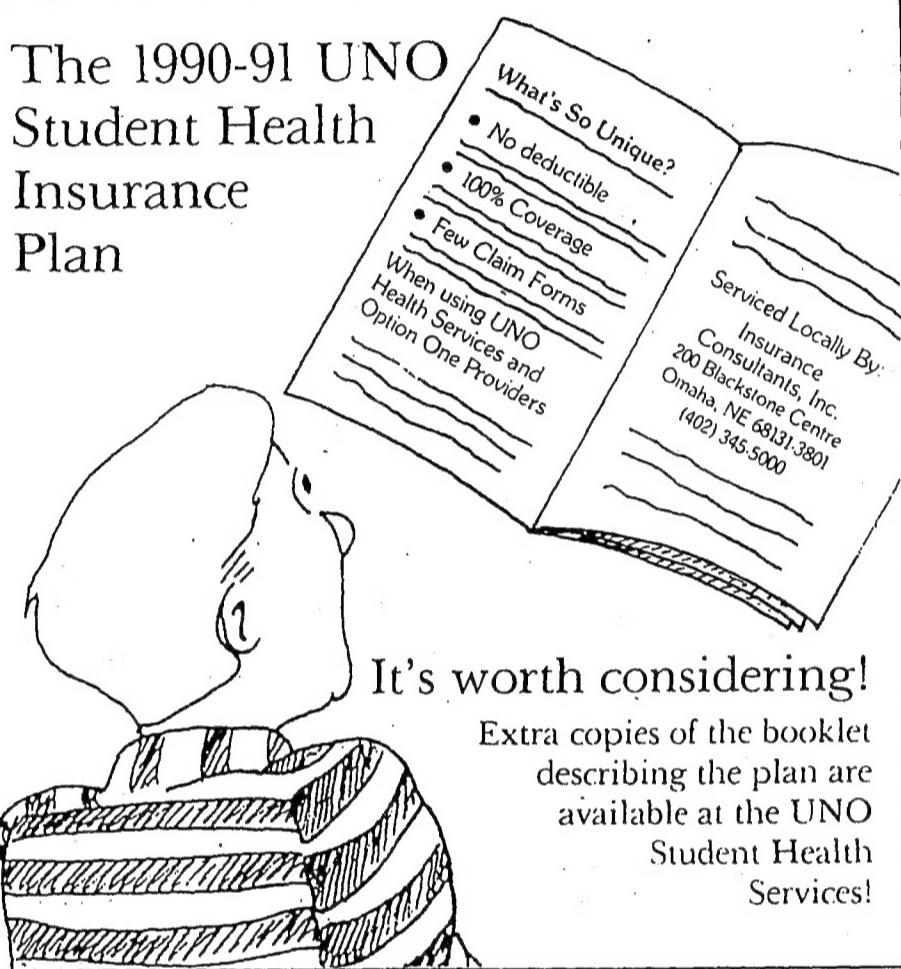


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NO's Victor Barnes charges upfield for a first quarter touchdown against Kearney State Saturday

— DAVE BAVARESCO

8,100 fans cheer Mavs to 44-21 victory

By DAVE DUFER

The "Russ Harvey Air Show" and Kearney State College (KSC) traveled to Omaha Saturday in hopes of a victory over the UNO Mavericks.

But before the Kearney State coaches could say "Antelope," Victor Barnes returned the opening kickoff and ensuing punt, both for touchdowns.

Two minutes and 56 seconds into the game, the Mavs led 14-0 and there was no turning back as UNO pounded Kearney State 44-21—improving to 1-1 on the season.

Barnes, a senior wide receiver, scored on a 94-yard kickoff return to open the game and followed with a 79-yard punt return. The punt return broke the former school record of 74 yards, set in 1978.

Head Coach Tom Mueller said he was happy—but a little worried—about the early lead. "Obviously, we wanted to get off to a good start," Mueller said. "The thing that always concerns the coach is if you can keep the intensity level."

"That's what Victor does. You're going to see the ball kicked on the ground or away from him (in the future). We were fortunate that Victor could do this for us."

But Barnes wasn't the only Maverick KSC had to concentrate on. Senior I-back LaRon Henderson ran a bit farther into the record books with a 153-yard rushing performance and three touchdowns. That elevated him to third place on the all-time rushing list with 2,230 yards.

It also was the first 100-yard game for a UNO rusher since September of last year.

Junior quarterback Paul Cech was 8-for-18 passing with 134 yards. That included passes

of 46 yards to junior Chris Crutchfield and 40 yards to junior William Thomas for a touchdown. Cech added 44 yards rushing.

Kearney State's senior quarterback Russ Harvey—not to be outdone—passed for 353 yards on 20 completions and was the Antelopes' leading rusher with 52 yards. Harvey hit nine different KSC receivers over the course of the evening. Fortunately for UNO, he also hit five Maverick defenders for interceptions.

Defensively for the Mavs, sophomore cornerback Kerry Neumann recorded 11 tackles and senior cornerback Mark Priest made 10 tackles. Senior tackle Paul Storbeck made two quarterback sacks and senior nose tackle Darin Curtis blocked a Kearney State field goal attempt.

The Mavericks improved their all-time record against the Antelopes to 12-5.

On Saturday, UNO begins its North Central Conference schedule at South Dakota.

"South Dakota always plays good defense," Mueller said. "They're a physical ball team. They're one of our natural rivals."

Besides the victory, there was another bright spot for Mueller's squad Saturday night. UNO's attendance was estimated at 8,100, up from 4,500 the previous week.

"Hopefully, the people in Omaha will understand that Division II football is an excellent brand of football," Mueller added. "There were two good teams playing (Saturday)."

Mueller said he would like to see more students participate in the growing support of the Mavs. "We wish they would come out and give us a chance to be their team," he said. "The players are students at UNO who happen to be football players. Being an athlete in college makes you different, but not better than anyone else."

Lady Mavs cross country takes third

By DAVE DUFER

The UNO women's cross-country team placed third out of 10 teams in the Dick Buxton Invitational Saturday. The meet was held at Simpson College.

The Lady Mavs ran for a composite time of 1:51.37, two minutes behind second-place Northern Iowa.

UNO head coach Tim Hendricks said the Lady Mavs' finish came as a pleasant surprise.

"Coming into the meet, I figured we could be in third or fourth place," Hendricks said. "Overall it was a good team effort."

UNO's Barb Keefover placed second individually with a time of 20 minutes, 58 seconds. Jennifer Moore placed 12th, clocking in at 21:48. Janine Ramaekers took 16th place at 22:04, and Jean Sillik was 22nd with a time of 22:25.

Hendricks said he expects the Lady Mavericks to improve their practice and meet performances as the season continues.

"We were a little restricted because of the hot weather," Hendricks explained. "Once it gets cooler, we can do more intense stuff."

This Saturday, UNO will compete in the Cornhusker Invitational, hosted by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"That will be a little tougher meet," Hendricks said. "The UNL women were third in the National Championships last year. Third, fourth and fifth places should be a fight between us, Kearney State and the Lincoln Track Club."

Sports Thoughts

by Dave Dufek

A recipe for violence

New rules for baseball

While thumbing through some of the week-old Omaha World-Heralds strewn about my apartment, a quote from the National League's "Head Umpire" caught my eye.

In referring to fights that break out between teams during games, he instructed the umpires not to interfere. In fact, he told them that "if they (the players) want to fight, let them kill each other."

Which got my twisted little mind thinking . . . if they're going to let baseball players KILL each other, let's make it pure fun for the entire family. In fact, I've come up with six amended baseball rules that just might enhance a sport which finds itself in an identity crisis compared to sports such as football and hockey. There are those who believe that baseball just isn't violent enough, and I see the umpires' new-found apathy a perfect opportunity to change that image.

Amended Rule No. 1

This rule will allow batters to keep their bat with them as they run the bases. Any fielder who gets in the base runner's way could be pulverized. This could prove to be even more interesting as the major leagues move from wooden to aluminum bats.

Amended Rule No. 2

Long-gone are the days when a fielder had to throw the ball to the base ahead of the runner or catch the ball to get the player out. This rule would state that to put the runner out, you'd have to knock the runner out. That can be accomplished by throwing the fielded ball at the base runner's head.

Amended Rule No. 3

The catcher will move from the conventional attire—mask, chest protector, helmet and shin guards—to something more suitable . . . a medieval suit of armor, complete with a two-handed sword. This rule is predicted to cut down the number of runs scored considerably.

Amended Rule No. 4

The "strike zone" is now considered to be that area from the batter's armpits to his knees directly above home plate. This rule would strike that last clause, and simply make the "strike zone" that area from the batter's armpits to his knees. Balls would be anything that doesn't hit the batter or hits him in the head or below the knees.

Amended Rule No. 5

Every time the pitcher tries to pick off a base runner and fails, that base runner would be allowed to throw the ball back—at the pitcher's groin area.

Amended Rule No. 6

In any instance where two teams get into a bench-clearing brawl, a team would get a point for each opposing player left unconscious after the fight.

This just goes to show you what a little creativity and some week-old newspapers could do for America's favorite pastime.

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